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FOR: METHOD OF OPERATING A STRIP CASTING MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A METAL STRIP

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Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the document listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in an International application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

U.S. Patent No. 6,296,046 discloses an edge dam position control method and device in a twin-roll strip casting process.

International Publication WO 2004/00487 A1 discloses a method of producing a metal strip using a twin-roll casting device according to which side plates (6, 7) are, within a first time interval (Δt_1) moved toward the faces (17, 18) of the casting rolls in a first direction of motion parallel to the casting roll axes (4, 5), and within a second time interval (Δt_2), are moved toward a section of the outer surfaces (10, 11) of the casting rolls in a second direction of motion parallel to the casting direction (G) inside the casting gap (19).

European Publication EPO 546 206 A1 discloses a continuous casting method of thin metal strips.

European Publication EP 0 677345 A1 discloses a process for the twin-roll continuous casting of thin metal products, in which molten metal is poured into a casting gap (3) defined by the cylindrical walls of two rolls (1, 2) having parallel axes, the rolls being counter-rotating and internally cooled, and two stationary

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lateral closure plates (4) are placed against the side end surfaces of the rolls, and

onto these side surfaces (5) is deposited a lubricant in order to lubricate the roll

interfaces.

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